

concluded a hearing to examine key findings from the Syria Study Group report, after receiving testimony from Michael Singh, and Dana Stroul, both of the Syria Study Group, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine competition in digital

technology markets, focusing on acquisitions of nascent or potential competitors by digital platforms, after receiving testimony from Bruce Hoffman, Director of the Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Diana Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Washington, D.C.; John M. Yun, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; and Patricia Nakache, Trinity Ventures, Menlo Park, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 4457–4483; and 14 resolutions, H. Res. 575–588 were introduced. **Pages H7900–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7903–05**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2781, to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to the health professions workforce, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–214);

H.R. 2296, to require reporting regarding certain drug price increases, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–215);

H.R. 728, to amend title VIII of the Public Health Service Act to extend advanced education nursing grants to support clinical nurse specialist programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–216); and

H. Res. 577, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) to increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3525) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, and for other purposes; providing for consider-

ation of the resolution (H. Res. 576) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–217). **Page H7900**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7871**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. Duffy, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H7871**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m. **Page H7873**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

First Responders Passport Act of 2019: H.R. 2229, amended, to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster; **Pages H7874–75**

Southeast Asia Strategy Act: H.R. 1632, amended, to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); **Pages H7875–77**

Burma Political Prisoners Assistance Act: H.R. 2327, amended, to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance to civil society organizations in Burma that work to secure the release of prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and assistance to current and former prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma;

Pages H7877–78

Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2019: H.R. 3190, amended, to authorize humanitarian assistance and impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuses in Burma, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 541; **Pages H7878–85, H7888–89**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests: H. Res. 127, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests; and **Pages H7885–86**

Reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons: H. Res. 444, amended, reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons. **Pages H7886–88**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. **Page H7888**

Senate Referral: S. 1340 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H7898**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7873.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H7888–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION: WALL STREET'S COP ON THE BEAT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission: Wall Street’s Cop on the Beat”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officials: Jay Clayton, Chairman; Robert J. Jackson, Jr., Commissioner; Hester M. Peirce, Commissioner; Elad L. Roisman, Commissioner; and Allison Herren Lee, Commissioner.

EXAMINING THE RACIAL AND GENDER WEALTH GAP IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Exam-

ining the Racial and Gender Wealth Gap in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S MUSLIM BAN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Trump Administration’s Muslim Ban”. Testimony was heard from Edward Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Elizabeth Neumann, Assistant Secretary for Threat Prevention and Security Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security; Todd Hoffman, Executive Director, Admissions and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS AFTER SHELBY COUNTY V. HOLDER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Congressional Authority to Protect Voting Rights After Shelby County v. Holder”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOSSIL FUEL DEVELOPMENT: PROTECTING TAXPAYERS AND ELIMINATING INDUSTRY GIVEAWAYS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Fossil Fuel Development: Protecting Taxpayers and Eliminating Industry Giveaways”. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeGette, Cartwright, and McAdams; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; John Putnam, Director of Environmental Programs, Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 925, the “NAWCA”; H.R. 1747, the “National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act”; H.R. 2748, the “Safeguarding America’s Future and Environment Act”; H.R. 2854, the “Protect Our Refuges Act of 2019”; H.R. 2918, the “Extinction Prevention Act”; H.R. 2956, to provide for the establishment of the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4340,